(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Comptroller and Auditor General have drawn Government's attention towards the shortcomings in electronic combat system and double barrel weapon projection system of combat aircraft SU-30 MK purchased by Government; and

(d) if so, the action taken by Government so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) Comptroller and Auditor General has drawn Government's attention towards the shortcomings in electronic combat system and precision guided weapons system of SU-30 K aircraft presently with us, and not SU-30 MK version.

(d) SU-30 K version of aircraft will be upgraded to SU-30 MK version and these deficiencies will be rectified.

Jehad by Pak Army in Jammu and Kashmir

318. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI YADLAPATI VENKAT RAO:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan Army has initiated a move to wage Jehad in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) if so, the action taken to nullify their efforts?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) While the acts of terrorism in Jammu & Kashmir committed by the terrorist groups have lately been called as 'Jehad' by these groups and their Pak-sponsors, there is no information on any plan of Pakistan army to wage 'Jehad' by themselves in Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) A constant watch is maintained on the situation both at the border as well as in the hinterland and appropriate measures are taken to tackle the situation effectively.

Missing important files of Ministry of Defence

†319. SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL:
SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Since 1997-98 till 20th July 2000, IAF has lost 54 MIG aircrafts in accidents. The year-wise details are as under:—

	Aircraft lost
1997-98	12
1998-99	18
1999-2000	18
2000-2001	6
TOTAL:	54

21 pilots were killed and 10 were injured in these accidents.

(c) to (e) After each accident, a Court of Inquiry (COI) is conducted to find out the reasons of the accidents and also to suggest remedial measures. Findings of the Court of Inquiries reveal that technical defect, human error and bird hit are the three main causes for some of these accidents.

A High Powered Committee on Fighter Aircraft Accidents (COFAA) was constituted under the chairmanship of Scientific Adviser to Raksha Mantri to analyse the causes of accidents which submitted its report in September, 1997. It has made certain recommendations to minimize accident rate. Implementation of these recommendations would involve changes in organizational structure, procedures, training, design, technology etc. About 55 out of 84 recommendations have been implemented so far.

Finalisation of defence deal with Russia

321. SHRI PRAFUL PATEL:
SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised a defence deal with Russia to acquire T-90 tanks and "KIEV" class naval aircraft during the recent visit of the Defence Minister to Russia;

(b) if so, the details of the discussions held and decisions taken; and

(c) the impact on our defence expenditure?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.